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SUBJ: RETURN OF SAMI ANWAR

REF: TEHRAN 4453; CAIRO 3834

TEHRAN FOR AMBASSADOR HELMS

1. APPRECIATE INFORMATION CONTAINED TEHRAN REFTEL
ABOUT SAMI ANWAR. I HAD KNOWN AMWAR AND HIS WIFE IN
LONDON TEN YEARS AGO AND FOUND THEM PERSONABLE AND
SOCIAL. I HAD ALSO GAINED THE IMPRESSION AT THAT
TIME HE WAS PROFESSIONALLY COMPETENT.

2. NO IN MFA KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT ANWAR'S
FUNCTIONS WILL BE. HE WAS FOISTED ON FAHMY BY THE
PRESIDENT, HENCE FAHMY IS MAKING THE BEST OF IT.
DESPITE ANWAR'S LONG FOREIGN SERVICE, MFA PROFESSIONALS
DO NOT REGARD HIM AS ONE OF THEM. THEY STATE PRIVATELY
THAT HE DID NOT COME UP THROUGH THE RANKS, BUT HAS
BEEN FAVORED FOR YEARS BY SADAT BECAUSE OF
FAMILY AND PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP.

3. THE PRESENT PLAN, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, IS TO GIVE
ANWAR THOSE JOBS WHICH DO NOT INTEREST FAHMY. SPECIFICALLY,
AFRICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS HAVE BEEN MENTIONED.
IT IS BELIEVED HE WILL ALSO BE ASSIGNED AD HOC MISSIONS

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AS OCCASION REQUIRED. THIS WILL LEAVE FAHMY FREE TO

CONCENTRATE ON US-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS, SOVIET AFFAIRS,
EC-ARAB DIALOGUE AND ARAB AFFAIRS.
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